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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau --July 1987

I. GENERAL

The tourist sector of Jordan's economy could not have been thrilled by the front page story in the 2 August JORDAN TIMES reporting on the growing public health scandal concerning the increasingly dangerous hazard of water pollution in Amman over recent weeks. The report is tied to the forced resignations of the presidents of the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) and the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) by the Prime Minister and suggests that polluted water which has been pumped to Amman may well be the cause of a high number of cases of "bilharzia, ascaris and amibiasis, causing acute diarrhoea, dehydration among children, and inflammation of the digestive system from fungus algae." The author of the report also alleges the presence of carcinogens in Amman's water since last November. Although the story does cite the JVA president as saying that the affair "had been blown out of all proportion by the incompetence of those involved in the assessment of the problem," the thrust of the article is that the residents of Amman are exposed to a health danger on a unknown but possibly significant scale.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

On 20 July the Baghdad INA Arabic service extended its transmission past the normal 2000 GMT signoff in order to carry the first Iraqi reaction to the UN Security Council Resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire between Iraq and Iran, the halting of all military operations, and withdrawal to internationally recognized borders. This INA report also included the text of the speech delivered by Iraq's permanent UN representative promising that Iraq would carefully study the UN resolution and then provide an official response. The bureau remained open for an extra three hours to file the INA report priority in three takes.

B. Lateral Services

At the request of the embassy's Economic Office, the bureau provided a translation of an Amman PETRA-JNA report on the

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28 July decision by the Jordanian House of Representatives to approve a supplementary budget law allowing the government to spend JD 140 million outside the budget for fiscal 1986.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

Two local bureau employees, Monitor Specialists [redacted] and [redacted], received promotions and PSI's during the month. Each was promoted from grade and step 7.1 to 8.2.

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B. Departures

1. Bureau Chief [redacted] and family left Amman on 9 July for PCS to headquarters.

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2. Editors [redacted] and [redacted] left Amman on 23 July for PCS to headquarters.

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C. Arrivals

1. Editor [redacted] arrived in Amman PCS from headquarters on 12 July.

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2. Editor [redacted] and family arrived in Amman from Bangkok and home leave on 17 July.

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IV. VISITS

Embassy political officers Naim Ahmad and Alan Misenheimer visited the bureau for a thorough briefing on 30 July.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

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ATT: Monthly Production Report

Amman Bureau Production Report for July-1987

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	207130
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	76960
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	584

BROAD-CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLICATIONS
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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	7390.00 min.	20100.00 min.	188.00 issues
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)

BAHRAIN

Manama WAKH in Arabic	1850
Manama WAKH in English	920

EGYPT

Cairo AKHBAR AL-YAWM in Arabic	0
Cairo AL-AHALI in Arabic	0
Cairo AL-AHRAM in Arabic	2730
Cairo AL-AKHBAR in Arabic	1730
Cairo AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic	0
Cairo AL-MUSAWWAR in Arabic	0
Cairo ROSE AL-YUSUF in Arabic	0
Cairo UKTUBAR in Arabic	0

FRANCE

Paris Radio Monte Carlo in Arabic	3900
Paris AL-MUSTAQBAL in Arabic	0
Paris AL-WATAN AL-ARABI in Arabic	10320

IRAQ

Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	7040
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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Baghdad Voice of the Masses in Arabic	19610		
Baghdad Voice of the FLO in Arabic	5570		
Baghdad INA in Arabic		16210	
Baghdad INA in English		20390	
Baghdad AL-IRAQ in Arabic			0
Baghdad AL-JUMHURIYAH in Arabic			720
Baghdad AL-THAWRAH in Arabic			1340
Baghdad ALIF BA' in Arabic			0
ISRAEL			
Jerusalem in Arabic to the Arab World	1330		
JORDAN			
Amman Domestic Service in Arabic	5420		
Amman Television Service in Arabic	3640		
Amman Television Service in English	5170		
Amman Petra-JNA in Arabic		540	
Amman AKHBAR AL-USBU' in Arabic			680
Amman AL-DUSTUR in Arabic			2490
Amman AL-HAQIQAH in Arabic			2240
Amman AL-QUDS in Arabic			0
Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic			2220
Amman JORDAN TIMES in English			5750
Amman SAWT AL-SHA'B in Arabic			500
Amman THE JERUSALEM STAR in English			0
KUWAIT			
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			5110

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BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
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Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic		2960
Kuwait AL-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic		4560
Kuwait AL-SIYASAH in Arabic		4280
Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic		0
Kuwait KUWAIT TIMES in English		0

LEBANON

Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in Arabic	120	
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OMAN

Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	460	
Muscat ONA in Arabic		0
Muscat 'UMAN in Arabic		0
Muscat OMAN DAILY OBSERVER in English		0

QATAR

Doha QNA in Arabic		1680
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SAUDI ARABIA

Riyadh AL-DAMMAM AL-YAWM in Arabic		1320
Riyadh AL-JAZIRAH in Arabic		0
Riyadh AL-RIYADH in Arabic		0
Jeddah 'UKAZ in Arabic		0
Jeddah SAUDI GAZETTE in English		0

SUDAN

Khartoum KUNA in English to KUNA Kuwait		0
Khartoum SUNA in Arabic		7970

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Khartoum SUNA in English		5940	
SYRIA			
Damascus Domestic Service in Arabic	11490		
Damascus Television Service in Arabic	3550		
Damascus SANA in Arabic		2330	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service in Arabic	770		
Abu Dhabi WAM in Arabic		1900	
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD AL-USBU'I in Arabic			2150
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in Arabic			4000
Al-Sharjah AL-KHALIJ in Arabic			3110
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in Arabic			900
YEMEN			
Sanaa Domestic Service in Arabic	9210		
Sanaa Voice of Palestine in Arabic	11010		